STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS **SECURITIES DIVISION**

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Order Number S-04-181-05-FO01

ENTRY OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST AS TO MARINA INVESTORS GROUP AND HENRY JONES

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON TO: Marina Investors Group Henry Jones

Respondents.

IN THE MATTER OF DETERMINING

Jones; et al; their employees and agents,

OF LAW AND FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND

Tri Energy, Inc.; Marina Investors Group; Henry

Whether there has been a violation

of the Securities Act of the State

of Washington by:

On February 28, 2005, the Securities Administrator of the State of Washington issued a Summary Order to Cease and Desist, number S-04-181-05-TO01, against H & J Energy Company, Inc., Marina Investors Group, Tri Energy, Inc., Thomas Avery, Lowell Decker, Robert Jennings, Henry Jones, Arthur Simburg, Mildred Stultz and Ronald Stultz.

The Summary Order, together with a Notice of Opportunity to Defend and Opportunity for Hearing, hereinafter referred to as "Notice of Opportunity for Hearing" and an Application for Adjudicative Hearing, hereinafter referred to as "Application for Hearing", were served on Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones on April 21, 2005. The Notice of Opportunity for Hearing advised Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones that a written application for an administrative hearing on the Statement of Charges must be received within twenty days from the date of receipt of the notice. Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones failed to request an administrative hearing within twenty days of receipt of the Statement of Charges and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, either on the Application for Hearing provided or otherwise.

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The Securities Administrator therefore will adopt as final the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the Summary Order as they relate to Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones, impose fines and collect costs.

The Securities Administrator makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

I. Respondents

- 1. H & J Energy Company, Inc. (H & J Energy), a Nevada corporation, with corporate offices at 350 S Center Street, Suite 500, Reno, Nevada represents that it is in the business of coal mining.
- 2. Marina Investors Group, Inc. (Marina Investors Group), a California corporation, with corporate offices of 1801 Lincoln Blvd. Suite 113, Venice CA, 90291 and 3017 Washington Blvd, Suite 115, Marina Del Rey, California, represents that it is in the business of movie and music production.
- 3. Tri Energy, Inc. (Tri Energy), a Nevada corporation, with corporate offices of 2533 N Carson Street Box T-305, Carson City, Nevada represents that it is in the business of coal mining.
- 4. Thomas Avery (Avery) of Moreno Valley, California is the Senior Vice President and Vice Chairman of Tri Energy. Avery is the Secretary of H & J Energy.
 - 5. Lowell Decker (Decker) of Placerville, California is an officer of Tri-Energy.
- 6. Robert Jennings (Jennings) of Perris, California is the President and Chairman of Tri Energy. Jennings is the President and Treasurer of H & J Energy.
 - 7. Henry Jones (Jones) of Culver City, California is the owner of Marina Investors Group.
- 8. Arthur Simburg (Simburg) of Los Angeles, California is the Senior Vice President of Tri Energy, Inc.
 - 9. Mildred Stultz of Bremerton, Washington is a promoter/sales agent of Tri Energy.

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10. Ronald Stultz of Bothell, Washington is a promoter/sales agent of Tri Energy.

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II. Nature of the Offering

11. Beginning no later than September 2003 and continuing through at least January 2005, H & J Energy, Tri Energy, Avery, Decker, Jennings and Simburg have raised over \$2,500,000 from offers and ales to at least 49 Washington investors towards funding coal mine operations of Tri Energy and H & J Energy and a Middle East gold investment organized by Marina Investors Group and Jones. Mildred and Ronald Stultz acting in concert with and on behalf of respondents H&J Energy, Tri Energy, Avery, Decker, Jennings, Simburg, Marina Investors Group and Jones solicited and introduced many of the investors to these investment opportunities.

How investors learned of Tri Energy the investment opportunity

12. Many of the investors learned of the investment opportunity through Mildred and Ronald Stultz. Investors met Mildred Stultz through Millionaire Mind seminars run by Peak Potentials Training, Inc. of North Vancouver, Canada. Millionaire Mind seminars, lead by motivational speaker T. Harv Eker, are designed to help people "develop a millionaire mind" and "reach their financial potential." Mildred Stultz met people during the networking segment of seminars and told them about the Tri Energy investment opportunity. Mildred Stultz provided the potential investors with a telephone number for a nightly conference call coordinated by Decker for Tri Energy.

What Investors were told

13. When the investors called the conference call telephone number, they were introduced to Simburg and Jennings who explained to them the investment opportunity in Tri Energy and directed the callers to the company web site, www.trienergy.net, for additional information.

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coal mines while later investors were told that they had the option to invest in either the coal mines or a gold investment based upon the amount of money invested, and even later investors were told that Tri Energy was using nearly all the money they raised for the gold deal with only a small portion going towards the coal mine operations.

Early investors were told that their money was going toward the development of Tri Energy's

15. Jennings and Simburg told the investors that they would double their investment in 30 to 60 days by investing in Tri Energy. Investors were also told that if they invested \$100,000 the money was going to be used for an investment in a gold transaction through Jones and Marina Investors Group and that they could triple their money in the gold investment. Simburg and Jennings said that the money was going toward the gold investment because they were going to get so much money from that transaction that they would be able to pay the investors back and finance the development and expansion of the coal mine operations.

16. Investors were told that Jones was facilitating the sale and transfer of 5,000 metric tons of Israeli gold to Dubai. Investors were told that the gold was stored in Jordan, that the deal was going to be finalized in Luxemburg and that it was politically sensitive because the countries involved would not want the public to know they were conducting business with one another. Investors were told that their money was going to be used to pay costs, including legal fees and storage fees, associated with the transaction.

17. Individuals that showed interest in the investment opportunities were sent a packet of information that included a memo from Simburg on Tri Energy letterhead explaining particular coal mine acquisitions the company was making, a promissory note stating that the investor would receive their principal and 100% interest in sixty days or principal and 200% interest if the money is used for the Marina Investors Group project. The packet of information also included a coal mine project evaluation and wire instructions for where investors should send their money.

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sale of a security as defined in RCW 21.20.005 (10

18. At least one Washington resident invested in H & J Energy in October and again in November 2003. The investor was told that he would triple his money in three to four weeks. Much like many of the Tri Energy investors, the H & J investor was told that his money was going toward a gold transaction in the Middle East. The H & J investor was told that his investment was secured by coal mining operation owned by H & J Energy.

III. <u>Misrepresentations and Omissions</u>

19. The offering material provided by to investors failed to provide financial statements for Tri Energy, H & J Energy or Marina Investors Group. H & J Energy and Tri Energy investors were not provided with material information regarding the current and long-term profitability expectations for the coal mines purportedly controlled by H & J Energy and Tri Energy. Additionally, investors were not provided with material information regarding the ability of Tri Energy and Marina Investors Group to pay their stated rates of investment return.

IV. <u>Registration Status</u>

- 20. H & J Energy, Marina Investors Group and Tri Energy are not currently registered to sell their offering of investment opportunities in the state of Washington and have not previously been so registered.
- 21. Avery, Decker, Jennings, Jones, Simburg, Mildred Stultz and Ronald Stultz are not currently registered as securities salespersons or broker-dealers in the state of Washington.

Based upon the above Findings of Fact, the following Conclusions of Law are made:

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I. Securities

22. The offer and/or sale of the investment opportunities described above constitutes the offer and/or sale of a security as defined in RCW 21.20.005 (10) and (12).

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II. Anti-Fraud Provision

23. The offer and/or sale of said securities was made in violation of RCW 21.20.010 because, as set forth in the Tentative Findings of Fact, Respondents misstated of omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

III. Registration of Securities

24. The offer and/or sale of said securities is in violation of RCW 21.20.140, the registration section of the Securities Act, because no registration for such offer and/or sale is on file with the Securities Administrator of the state of Washington.

IV. Registration of Broker-Dealer and Salespersons

25. Respondent Jones has violated RCW 21.20.040 by offering and/or selling said securities while not being registered as a broker-dealer or securities salesperson in the state of Washington.

FINAL ORDER

Based on the foregoing:

It is hereby ORDERED that the Respondents, Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones, and their agents and employees, each cease and desist from offering and/or selling securities in any manner in violation of RCW 21.20.140, the section of the Securities Act of Washington requiring registration.

It is further ORDERED that Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones, and their agents and employees, each cease and desist from violation of RCW 21.20.010, the anti-fraud section of the Securities Act.

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It is further ORDERED that Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones, and their agents and employees, each cease and desist from violation of RCW 21.20.040, the broker-dealer and securities salesperson registration section of the Securities Act.

It is further ORDERED that Marina Investors Group and Henry Jones shall each be jointly and severally liable for and shall pay: (1) a fine of \$100,000 and (2) the costs, fees, and other expenses incurred in the conduct of investigating this matter, in any amount not less than \$3,000.

AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Final Order is entered pursuant to the provisions 21.20.390, and is subject to the provisions of Chapter 34.05 RCW. Respondents have the right to petition the superior court for judicial review of this agency action under the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW. For the provisions for filing a Petition for Judicial Review, see RCW 34.050.510 and sections following. Pursuant to 21.20.395, a certified copy of this order may be filed in Superior Court. If so filed, the clerk shall treat the order in the same manner as a Superior Court judgment as to the fine, and the fine may be recorded, enforced, or satisfied in like manner.

WILLFUL VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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DATED and ENTERED this 13th day of June, 2005.

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MICHAEL E. STEVENSON Securities Administrator

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